# TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



## FISCAL NOTE

#### SB 1777

January 21, 2022

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes parties to a civil or criminal proceeding in which paternity is being contested to voluntarily seek a genetic test from an accredited laboratory before a court issues an order for one.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

#### **NOT SIGNIFICANT**

# Assumption:

- Any expenses resulting from parties voluntarily seeking a genetic test will be borne by those private parties.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 24-7-112(b)(3), costs of initial tests requested by a state agency are paid by such entities and then recovered from the person established as a parent of the child.
- Therefore, any fiscal impact to state or local government is estimated to be not significant.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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